

SHYLOCK HOMES GIVES READERS TIPS IN SOLVING OF HALL-MILLS MURDER

Will Present \$1,000 To One Who Sends In Right Solution

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The master criminal lawyer who is conducting the investigation of the Hall-Mills murder is simply turning over old mold and is not getting nearer the solution of the tragedy than those who actually saw the bodies of the errant cleric and his paramour lying side by side under the crabapple tree on the Phillips farm four years ago.

Watson couldn't help chuckling as he read to me from the morning prints that the master criminal lawyer conducting the case wants to go over the records of the autopsies made four years ago. Even if the records do vary, in my capacity as an investigator of murder mysteries, I must say that four year old discrepancies are not going to aid a sleuth in putting handcuffs on the real murderers.

The master criminal lawyer has the chessboard in front of him and if he only invites the right witness to play he will take his murderer and checkmate all further moves on the part of the guilty conspirators to frustrate the ends of justice.

Mail Surprises Shylock

If the master criminal lawyer who is now conducting the investigation serves up the name of the murderer or murderers, I am positive that the \$1,000 which I have promised to distribute among The GRAPHIC readers who give the right solution of the crime will

find its way into the pockets of naturally born criminal psychologists, for I have never been more surprised in my life with the solutions I am receiving in every mail.

OF COURSE, GRAPHIC READERS MUST REMEMBER THAT THE WINNING SOLUTION WILL BE BASED NOT ONLY ON MY THEORY BUT ON THE FINAL FINDINGS OF THE COURT WHEN THOSE WHO ARE ABOUT TO BE ARRESTED OR WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY ARE TRIED.

My mail this morning is so heavy that I can only quote the more ingenious of the solutions sent to me by GRAPHIC readers.

Curtis Steck of 140 Uhlandt St., East Rutherford, quotes The GRAPHIC of August 9 in giving his theory that Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills might have been mistaken for Pearl Bahmer and her father by an angry youth who loved the Hungarian girl and who might have attacked Dr. Hall before he realized his mistake, and to cover up his murderous blunder slew also Mrs. Mills.

Godfrey James Shaw Hay of 140 East 80th St. writes: "Solve the mystery of the child in care of the 'pig woman' and you will be nearer a clue."

Mrs. Minnie Oliver of 300 East 96th St. avers: "Let the law find a way to wrest the child away from the 'pig woman' and see what happens."

Mrs. G. B. Neilson of 2769 University Ave. writes: "Hall first shot Mrs. Mills, then himself."

F. Quinn, 737 Herkimer St., Brooklyn, writes: "Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills were shot by some one who mistook them for others they were jealous of."

Mrs. E. V. Garrison, 235 South St., Newark: "Mrs. Hall is paying now. If we could see in her heart. Question the 'pig sticker.'"

Mary Skelley of 63 Lyndale Ave., Methuen, Mass., writes: "It was premeditated."

J. M. Leary of Sage College, Ithaca, writes: "The K. K. K. of New Brunswick sent the 'moral-breaker higher up.'"

Mrs. H. C. Malkowski of 21 Wadsworth St., Hartford, Conn., writes: "Let the 'pig woman' tell the truth. An old discarded toy of Dr. Hall's murdered the couple."

Mrs. Charles Force of 309 West 23d St. writes: "The Ku Klux Klan did it."

Antoine Rouquette of 382 East 135th St. writes: "They were murdered by thieves who held them up."

Fred Zanolini of 203 Bleecker St. writes: "Find the man whose name was mentioned and heard by the 'pig woman.'"

Esther Goldenberg, 615 East 140th St., writes: "How does the 'pig woman' know so much?"

Charles Force of 309 West 23d

St.: "Murder was committed by blackmailers."

William Young of 73 Hill St., Brooklyn, writes: "Dr. Hall was murdered unintentionally, defending Mrs. Mills."

Ivor Jones of 39 Winant Ave., Port Richmond: "Murdered by Mr. —, who became temporarily insane while arguing with Dr. Hall."

Mrs. T. F. Phelan, Brightwaters, N. Y., writes: "Eleanor Mills was responsible for her own destruction. She double-crossed Dr. Hall and lured Mrs. Hall to the tyst."

Dorothy Murray of 2724 3d Ave. writes: "Find the jealous woman."

The first correct solution which comes to The GRAPHIC will win a cash prize of \$500. Other solutions which come in will be awarded prizes ranging downward to \$250, \$100, \$50 and \$10 until the \$1,000 is exhausted. Every letter that comes in will be stamped according to the date and the hour that I have received it.

Write your solution in not more than 500 words, as I will have much to read. The solution will be based not only on my theory but on the final findings of the court when those who are about to be arrested or who have already been taken into custody are tried.

After you have sent in your solution, which will be properly marked, according to the hour and date it was received, read the various theories advanced by those investigating the case, as reported in The GRAPHIC. As the case shapes up, you are at liberty to write your opinion as to what theory, as advanced by the authorities, is correct. This must be done before October 2. This will have a strong bearing on the solution you have previously sent in. Follow the Hall-Mills mystery development every day in The GRAPHIC.

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What a Busy Day He Had



SHYLOCK HOLMES kept up a high rate of speed yesterday as he opened his mail and read the solutions that shot through from Uncle Sam's post office to his desk. They were some nifty solutions too. Shylock said in confidence late yesterday that he is finding thousands of good detectives daily. Page Commissioner McLaughlin.

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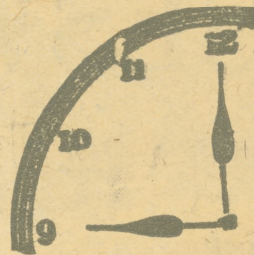
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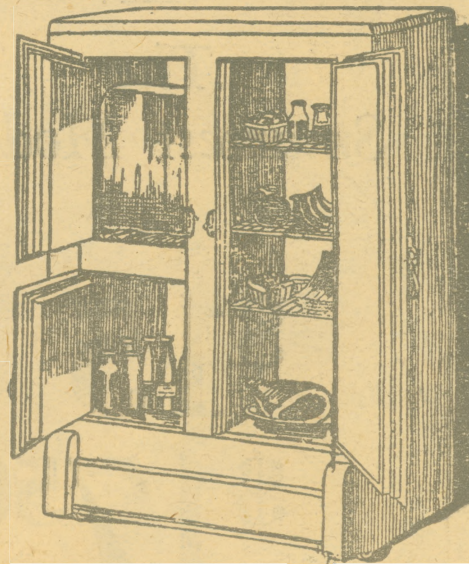


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